

blood pressure measurement, and

wherein the limb orientation sensing unit is used to activate the error flag mechanism if the limb orientation sensing unit detects that the limb is not in at least one of the correct position and the correct orientation at any time during blood pressure measurement.

37. The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the display mechanism is also adapted to display at least one of blood pressure measurement values and a pulse rate.

38. The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the limb orientation sensing unit senses both limb position and limb orientation.

39. The apparatus of claim 38 wherein the limb is an arm, and the correct orientation is such that the arm is substantially adjacent and proximate to the chest/upper portion of the body.25.

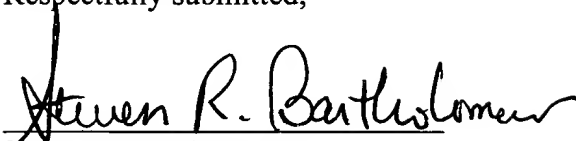
40. The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the display mechanism is arranged such that a blood pressure measurement value and/or a pulse is substantially readable only if the arm is in the correct orientation.

REMARKS

On the first page of the Examiner's PTO-326 form (entitled "Office Action Summary") of June 4, 2002, the Examiner indicates that this is NOT a final action. However, on page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that this is a final action. Further clarification from the Examiner is hereby requested.

All previously pending claims (namely, claims 1-15) have been cancelled. It is submitted that new claims 16-40 are directed to novel subject matter. Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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